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UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS.

ON Tuesday 23d October next, the several Classes of the United College in the University of St. Andrews will be opened, viz.

The Public and Private Latin Classes, by Professor HUNTER.

The Public and Private Greek Classes, by Professor HILL.

The Classes for Logic and Rhetoric, and for the Practice of Composition and Eloquence, by Professor BARRON.

The Moral Philosophy Class, by Professor COKE.

The Natural Philosophy Class, by Dr ROTHERAM.

The first and second Mathematical Classes.—Also a third Class for the different branches of Practical Mathematics, by Professor VILANT.

The Civil History Class, by Dr ADAMSON.

The Classes of Anatomy and Medicine, by Dr FLINT.

Classes for the French Language and Drawing, by Mons. LA GRANDIERE.

And on Tuesday 6th November, the Foundation Bursaries will be disposed of, as usual, by comparative trial.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

THE Four ENGLISH SCHOOLS of this city, taught by authority of the Magistrates are to convene on Tuesday the 11th current.

THE TEACHERS ARE,

Mess. JOHN DUNSMORE, New Assembly Close.

WILLIAM JOHNSTON, Warriston's Close.

JOHN LEECHMAN, Royal Bank Close.

ALEXANDER BARRETT, Writer's Court.

N. B. Mr Leechman will open a Class for young beginners, on Monday the first October.

COUNTY OF SELKIRK.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Michaelmas Head Court is to be held at Selkirk, upon Thursday the 4th day of October next.

JOHN LANG.

Sheriff Clerks Office, 1st Sept. 1798.

SECOND IRISH LOTTERY, 1798.

Begins Drawing 19th November.

No. of Prizes.	SCHEM.E.	Value of each	Total Value.
4 Prizes of	L.10,000	is	L.40,000
3	5,000	—	15,000
4	2,000	—	8,000
5	1,000	—	5,000
6	500	—	3,000
30	100	—	3,000
60	50	—	3,000
3,000	9	—	72,000
8,112 Prizes	149,000		
First drawn First Day	500		
First drawn Last Day	500		
21,888 Blanks			
30,000 Tickets	L.150,000		

Part of the above Capitals will be determined as follow:

The First drawn Blank	15th Day	1,000
Ditto	17th Day	2,000
Ditto	19th Day	5,000
Ditto	21st Day	10,000

OBSERVATIONS.

In the late Irish Lottery for July, the tickets rose gradually from 7l. to 8l. before the drawing began, and to 21l. per ticket during the drawing. The ensuing Irish Lottery consists of the same number of tickets, with a scheme universally allowed superior; therefore the public may depend that Irish tickets and shares will rise considerably before the drawing, which begins the 19th of next November.

Tickets and shares are now selling at every Licensed Office, and the prizes will be paid as usual on demand.

Persons in the country remitting post office orders, cash by the mail or stage coachmen, to any Lottery Office of credit, will have tickets or shares sent them on the same terms as personally present.

THE IRISH LOTTERY BEGINS DRAWING Nov. 19.

The ENGLISH LOTTERY, February 11. 1799.

Tickets & Shares are now on Sale.

RICHARDSON, GOODLUCK, & CO.

AT THEIR LICENSED STATE-LOTTERY OFFICES,

No. 104, Cornhill; No. 8, opposite the King's Mews, Charing Cross; and at Mess. Stevenson and Matchett's, printers and booksellers, Market Place, Norwich.

Where

No. 9,015, drawn, August 17. 1798. A Prize of 5,000. was sold in a Half, a Fourth, an Eighth, and Two Sixteenth, Shares.

No. 29,454, drawn, August 2. 1798. A Prize of 10,000. was sold in Whole Ticket.

No. 35,989, drawn, March 22. 1798. A Prize of 20,000. was sold in Two Fourth, Two Eighth, and Four Sixteenth, Shares.

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No. 12,807, The last Prize of 30,000. Shared, was sold in Sixteen Sixteenths.

And in Lotteries since the year 1767 a great proportion of Capital Prizes, two numerous to mention.

Country Correspondents may have Tickets and Shares sent them by remitting Post Office orders, bills payable at sight, or by the Mail and Stage Coachmen, on the lowest terms. Letters, post paid, duly answered.

WIGTONSHIRE MILITIA.

THE persons following, balloted as principals for this county, have been rejected by the Earl of Dalkeith, as unfit for service.

PARISH OF MOCHRUM,

John Brown, weaver, Colside Croft.

WHITEHORN,

Maxwell White, joiner in Whithorn.

Stewart McCulloch, servant to Dr Laing, at Isle of Whithorn.

LESWALT,

Joseph McFarlane, weaver, Leswalt.

STONEYKIRK,

William Martin, smith, Cleuchamnoe.

The following persons although balloted for, have not yet appeared.

PORT PATRICK,

James Agnew, servant to the late Mr Stewart, Port Patrick.

John McWilliam, farmer in Craioch.

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Patrick Murray, labourer.

Thomas Campbell, dyster.

STONEYKIRK,

Samuel Mure, servant in Drumbraddan.

KIRKMAIDEN,

Henry Hamilton, shoemaker in Port Nessock, late in or about Kirkcowan.

AND

The substitute provided by James McMeiken jun. in Barns-hagan, has been rejected.

The above parishes are therefore required, within one calendar month from this date, to procure fit and able persons to serve instead of such as have been rejected, or who have not come forward, although balloted for, otherwise the Deputy Lieutenants and Justices of the Peace for this County will, on Friday the 28th of September next, at 12 o'clock noon, in the Courthouse of Wigton, proceed to ballot for others in their places from the original sealed lists. It is therefore the interest of the different parishes to apprehend those persons who have not yet appeared, to prevent the ballot from failing on those whose names still remain undrawn.

JAMES McMeiken, whose substitute has been rejected, must procure another on or before the above day, or appear and take the oath, and be enrolled to serve under the penalties contained in the act.

GALLOWAY, Lieutenant.

Wigtown, 28th August 1798. JA. FRASER, Clerk.

COLLIERS & BEARERS.

A FEW GOOD COLLIERS with BEARERS, who are free from all engagement, will meet with good encouragement by applying to George Moffat, overseer of the coal-work belonging to John Robertson, Esq. of Chesterhall, at Sauchenside.

It is requested that those who apply would produce a certificate of their character. A more desirable situation for a steady collier seldom occurs.

WANTED.

A PAIR of Active CARRIAGE HORSES, not exceeding sixteen hands high, or more than seven years old. Also a postilion of light weight, who understands the management of horses. An unexceptionable character will be required. Apply at Walker's Hotel, New Town. September 6th 1798.

MONEY WANTED.

WANTED to BORROW, upon undoubted heritable security, TWELVE HUNDRED POUNDS Sterling. For particulars, application may be made to Thomas Duncan, writer in Edinburgh, or to Alex. Ritchie, Town-clerk of Brechin.

TO LAMP CONTRACTORS.

PERSONS willing to Contract for Lighting and Upholding the Public Lamps of CANONBIDGE, during the ensuing season, are requested to give in estimates to Mr William Murray, treasurer of the burgh, betwixt and the first of October next.

STREET LAMPS.

ANY Person willing to Contract for Lighting the STREET LAMPS of MONTROSE, for three years ensuing, are desired to lodge their proposals at the Town-clerk's Office, betwixt and the 16th of September instant.

MONTRÉAL.

THE HERITORS of the parish of Tranent, at a Meeting upon the 31st ult. came to the resolution of REPAIRING THE CHURCH, or of BUILDING A NEW ONE. They desire tradesmen willing to undertake either the one or the other, to lodge with Mr Robert Paisley, Session-clerk of Tranent, betwixt and the 15th of October next, estimates of Repairing said Church, and of Building a New One. The said Robert Paisley will point out the dimensions of the church, and other particulars to be under their consideration in making out their estimates.

SCHOOLMASTER WANTED.

on an Advantageous Situation.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL of THURSO being now vacant, the Heirors have resolved to appoint to the same the Candidate best qualified for so important a Situation. The legal Salary is 16. 13s. 4d; the parochial perquisites from 7l. to 8l. per annum; and there are generally 100 or 120 Scholars, the fees paid by whom will amount to about 50l.; making in all an Income at present of from 75 l. to 80 l. But, as it is proposed to increase the School Fees, it will reach about 100l. per annum. The Income of the Teacher besides may be much improved by keeping Boarders, as many of the Gentlemen in the neighbourhood would send their Children to lodge with the Schoolmaster, if he kept a proper House for the purpose. Candidates may apply to the Magistrates of Thurso, or to James Horne, W. S. George Street, Edinburgh, that the necessary enquiries may be made, or a Comparative Trial appointed.—As the situation is so advantageous, none need apply but those who are resolved to continue in the capacity of Teachers.

WANTED.

A PROPER PERSON to undertake the Charge of a BOARDING SCHOOL at THURSO. She must be well qualified to teach Music, Needle-work, and other Female Accomplishments. A Person so qualified, and well recommended, will meet with good encouragement. Apply as above.

N. B. As it is in contemplation to convert the Grammar School of Thurso into an Academy, it will be an object for a Man of Abilities to preside over it. The Branches to be taught are Greek, Latin, French, Drawing, Mensuration, Mathematics, Book-keeping, Navigation, Arithmetic, Writing, and English. None need apply but such can teach these branches.

NOT TO BE REPEATED.

SHOTTS TRUSTEES.

AN Adjourned General Meeting of the TRUSTEES on the Shoots Turnpike Roads, is to be held within the Tonine Tavern, Glasgow, upon Tuesday the eighteenth day of September instant, at twelve o'clock mid-day.

At this Meeting it is proposed to set, by contract, the upholding and repairing of the road from the causway at the east end of Tollerross Park Dikes, for about twenty-six miles eastward on the Edinburgh road.

The road will be let in different divisions, not under six miles each, and the contracts to be for the period of five years.

Persons intending to contract, will give in their offers before the day of Meeting, to John Boyes, jun. writer in Hamilton; or John Shiels, writer in Glasgow, clerks to the Trustees; by whom farther particulars will be communicated.

NOT TO BE REPEATED.

N. O. T I C E .

To the Debtors and Creditors of Messrs. JOHN WATT, & CO. late Merchants in Edinburgh.

THE Second Dividend from the estate of Messrs. John Watt and Co. will be paid at the Counting House of Messrs. Menzies and Anderson, Hunter's Square, on Monday the 16th September inst. from 10 to 3 o'clock. Intimation is hereby made to the debtors of the Company, that Mr David Valentine, Bristol Street, is empowered to receive and discharge the debts and prosecutions will be commenced for recovery of all such debts as are unpaid at the elapse of 14 days from this date.

EDINBURGH.

Editor. 3d Sept. 1798.

AT LEITH—FOR LONDON,
The Old Shipping Company's Smacks

TWEED PACKET.

THOMAS ORD, Master, and

CERES PACKET,

THOMAS BRUCE, Master.

The former will take in goods till Friday forenoon, at 11 o'clock, when she will sail; and the latter until Saturday evening, and sail on Sunday mid-day.

Old Shipping Company's Office, { WILLIAM GRINLY, Agent.

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After the review on Thursday, the Duke of York gave a grand entertainment to the Royal Family at Swinley Lodge, at which, besides their Majesties and the Princesses, the Prince of Wales, Prince Ernest, the Prince of Orange, a great number of nobility, and all the officers of the camp were present. As soon as the dinner was over, his Majesty got up and drank the health of all the company; and hoped he should have the pleasure of seeing them altogether next year. The amusement of the day was finished by dancing in the Lodge. The King and Queen went down one dance, her Majesty having the Duke of York for her partner. The servants partook of the same pastime on the lawn, the King, Prince of Wales, and Duke of York standing by for some time as spectators. The King took great notice of an old man, a baker, of Swinley, 72 years of age, who said he could dance till twelve o'clock, and walk 20 miles afterwards. He told his Majesty and the Duke of York, that he remembered the camp at Windor 58 years ago. At nine in the evening the Royal Family took leave of the Duke of York, and returned to Windsor.

General Stewart, who since his return from Portugal, has resided in the Tower, received orders yesterday morning to prepare himself to return to Portugal, for which place he sets out on Monday next. Several other officers, who are to attend him, received similar orders. His baggage was accordingly sent off for Plymouth. It is reported that General Stewart is to take under his command a detachment of the British army now in Portugal, for the Cape and the East Indies.

NAUTICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Extract of a Letter from an Officer on board the Channel fleet, dated off Brest, the 19th August.

"The whole of the Channel fleet, under the command of Admiral Lord Bridport, are at this moment in sight of the French fleet, at anchor in Brest harbour. We count with exactness twelve line of battle ships, nine frigates, several corvettes and gun boats, at anchor; and yesterday afternoon we plainly discovered two sail of the line, two frigates, and a corvette, under weigh, not more than two gun-shot from the headmost of our ships; which, I am sorry to say, were in a place of perfect security, being protected by a range of batteries. But a still more mortifying circumstance is, that we perceive at this moment about thirty sail of merchant vessels, not more than five miles from us, going into Brest, not one of which, I fear, it will be practicable either to take or destroy. The fleet at anchor shew at present no inclination to come out and meet us. We have, however, certain information that an expedition has been fitted out for Ireland, consisting of four sail of the line and six frigates, and I have no doubt of the ships which we saw under weigh yesterday being intended to form a part of this force. It is with regret I add, that great apprehensions are entertained of their having escaped in the course of the night through the Passage du Raz. Some unpleasant discoveries respecting the intentions of the Irishmen, on board several of our ships, have lately been made; but happily their designs, which were of a most shocking nature, were effectually frustrated by their timely detection."

The thirty merchant ships, which are stated in the above letter to have been seen going into Brest, are, no doubt, those mentioned in the last Paris papers to have sailed from Nantz for that port, with provisions for the new embarkation.

The ship L'Aigle, said to be lost on the coast of Barbary, we are happy to learn, is not the King's frigate of that name, but a privateer, called the Eagle.

This morning at half past eleven o'clock, Bartholomew Duff, Lawrence Buckley, Michael Butler, John Desmond, John Mahon, and John Cotton, belonging to his Majesty's ship Caesar, of 84 guns, Captain Home, were executed on board that ship in Cawfard Bay, three at each of the fore yard arms; after hanging an hour, they were lowered into their coffins, and brought on shore for interment. The execution was attended by an immense number of boats from the ships of war in this port, besides many gun-boats that were stationed about the Caesar, to act as occasion might require. These men were the ringleaders of the mutiny that existed on board the Caesar, and which was so providentially discovered on the 30th ult. before they were prepared for carrying their diabolical scheme into execution. They were removed from the Cambridge, of 84 guns, the Port Admiral's ship, to the Caesar, on Tuesday afternoon, and were ever since attended by Roman Catholic Priests; but they continued hardened and impudent to the last. Two days ago some of the same mutineers were flogged, agreeable to sentence, round the fleet in Cawfard Bay, and so very severe was the punishment inflicted, that they were only able to take a few lashes before it was conceived necessary to desist, and reserve the remainder of their sentence for some future day.

BRITISH NAVY.

Statement of the Distribution of the British Naval Force, to the 1st inst. exclusive of the Hired Armed Vessels, which are chiefly employed in protecting the Coasting Trade.

	Line	50's	Frig.	Sips.	Tot.
In Port and fitting	22	6	45	135	208
Guard-ships, Hospital-ships, and Prison-ships, at the several Ports	23	3	4	0	35
In the English and Irish Channels	22	1	41	63	127
In the Downs and North Seas	13	3	16	35	69
At the West India Islands, and on the passage	3	1	25	31	60
At Jamaica	7	1	9	13	30
In America and at Newfoundland	4	1	11	6	22
Cape of Good Hope, East Indies, & on the passage	9	4	14	14	41
Coast of Africa	0	0	2	1	3
Craft of Portugal, Gibraltar, and Mediterranean	33	1	75	17	60
Total in Commission	141	23	182	309	655
Receiving Ships	9	1	5	0	15
Serviceable and repairing for service	2	0	2	1	5
In ordinary	21	2	25	35	82
Building	15	2	10	2	29
Total	188	27	224	347	786

STATE OF THE ORDINARY AT EACH PORT.

	Line	50's	Frig.	Sips.	Tot.
Plymouth	14	0	13	16	43
Mouth	8	0	9	5	22
Chatham	20	1	0	1	12
Sheerness	0	1	4	5	10
River	0	0	6	9	15
Total	32	2	32	35-1	102

THIS DAY'S POST.

LONDON—September 3.

Last night we received Paris Journals to the 30th ult. inclusive. They contain nothing official respecting Buonaparte, and the rumours on that subject are as unsatisfactory as ever. The answer of the French to the last note of the Deputation of the Empire at Rastadt renews the demand of an immediate and categorical answer to their former proposals. The determination of the latter is not yet known, but in the mean time both powers are preparing for hostilities.

The packet that brought the papers, brought over Major General Coote, Major England, &c. General Coote comes on his parole for three months; Major England is reported to have been exchanged for De Hilliers.

Orders were on Saturday received at the Custom-house, for a general embargo to be laid on all outward bound vessels in the river, till further notice. Similar orders were received yesterday at Portsmouth; and there is every reason to believe, that the embargo will extend to all the different ports of the kingdom.

All the Revenue cutters in Government service, it is stated, are to be ordered to carry troops to Ireland.

PARIS, August 27.

It appears by the last accounts from Ostend, that several English men of war a few days since made again their appearance in the road of that port, as well as off Blackenbergh, but were obliged by the fire from the batteries to sheer off. Strong apprehensions are entertained there, lest the combined Russian and English forces should attempt an attack on the island of Walcheren, which, for this reason, has been put in a respectable state of defence.

The arrival of Buonaparte at Alexandria seems to admit no doubt. A great variety of accounts concur in establishing the truth of this event.

Yesterday the Directory held a public sitting, in which Citizens Zeltner and Jennes, Ministers Plenipotentiary of the Helvetic Republic, were presented by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who, as well as the President of the Directory, and the two Plenipotentiaries, delivered speeches suitable to the occasion.—It is observable, that in the Minister's speech, the momentary differences between the French and Helvetic Republics are ascribed to the manœuvres of the British Cabinet.

AUGUST 28.

If war should again break out, which unfortunately is but too probable, it is believed that the plan of the campaign will be the same as that attempted by the Generals Jourdan and Moreau, and in which they failed. The army of Ments, commanded by Joubert, is to advance rapidly to the Danube, by the margravate of Anspach; whilst that which is collected on the Upper Rhine will march under Gen. Massena, through Suisbia and the Brisgau, to Ratisbon, where the two armies are to form a junction. In the mean time, the siege of Ehrenbreitstein is to be pressed with the utmost vigour.

They write from Brest, that the division of Bertheaume has been forced to return thither. Although the enemy form a chain there from Roz to Ushant, they might have passed it about ten or fifteen days ago, but the expedition has been delayed under several pretences, and this is certainly not the fault of the sailors. A most unhappy quarrel has taken place between a naval Commander and a General in the land service, who at table had been addressed Monsieur by the former. We hope that these brave men will not give occasion to the English to triumph.

Three, and afterwards eight vessels, have entered the port of Leghorn, with a view to purchasing provisions and ammunition. On the representations of Government that it would not be possible for them, agreeable to the conditions of the treaties concluded with France, to receive more than four ships at a time in these ports, the English returned for answer, that they would bombard the city. After having obtained what they wanted, they set off to rejoin the squadron under Admiral Nelson. We may rest assured that that at this time no engagement had taken place between the hostile fleets. A Portuguese fleet was in view of the port; it was composed of a ship of 110 guns, three of 44, and a fireship of 18 guns, under the command of the Chevalier Nis.

AUGUST 29.

We learn by letters from Augsburg, of the 19th of August, that Admiral Nelson only sent into the port of Melina, on the 20th of June, four of his ships, while the rest of his squadron remained at anchor in the canal. The Vienna Gazette was, therefore, wrong in publishing that the whole of the English squadron had entered that port.

Intelligence has been brought by a courier extraordinary, that the treaty of alliance, offensive and defensive, between the French and Helvetic Republics, was ratified on the 24th by the two Councils of Arau, amid the loudest acclamations.

A press for seamen has taken place at Amsterdam and Rotterdam. The object of this measure is to collect 4000 sailors to form the crews of 40 small vessels preparing to set sail from the Texel.

It is said that M. Neckar is arrived at Paris. Can it be in order to dabble once more in our finances?

AUGUST 30.

Letters received at Augsburg from Constantinople state, that on the 9th of Thermidor (27th of July), they had had no other intelligence of the French squadron drop, but that by the courier from the Governor of Cyprus. The latter announced, that on the 21st Mefidior (July 9), our squadron entered the port of Alexia after a smart resistance.

The silence of the other letters from Constantinople, of the 7th Thermidor (July 24), with respect to a battle which is said to have taken place between the island of Candia and the Morea, strengthen the doubts entertained of the fact.

It is reported that the particular deputies at Rastadt, sent by individuals who have possessions on the left bank of the Rhine, have with one consent requested the Deputation of the Empire to conclude peace by consenting even to the French proposal, if that was necessary.

Some of the German plenipotentiaries at Rastadt were almost intoxicated with joy when they heard, by way of Augsburg, of the pretended destruction of the Toulon fleet, and the pretended capture of Buonaparte.

BANKS OF THE MEIN, August 21.

Nothing official has hitherto appeared to confirm the news of the maritime events brought by the public papers and letters from Italy. We did not know until now that a second squadron had been sent by Lord St Vincent to sail directly for Egypt, and to come up with the Toulon fleet, whilst Admiral Nelson, by a longer

circuit, went to take it in the rear. This throws some light on the plan of the English, of which we were but half informed.

Prince Repnin is daily expected at Prague, on his way from Berlin to Vienna.

A letter from Naples of the 9th mentions an extraordinary instance of courage and presence of mind.—A small brig having met an Algerine cruiser near Syracuse, and finding themselves likely to be overtaken, the Captain, after running his own ship close alongside, leaped singly on board the Algerine, and with an axe, which he held in his hand, cut the rope from the main-sail, which the enemy could not hoist again in less than an hour. The Neapolitan Captain threw himself into the sea, and was taken up in safety by his own crew, while the Barbarians seemed to be struck motionless at the attempt.

COUNCIL OF FIVE HUNDRED.

SITTING OF AUGUST 26.

On the motion of Leconte, the yearly expenditure for the Executive Directory was regulated in the following manner:

For the Pay of the Members of the Directory	LIVRES.
were granted	756,000
For the Directorial Palace, Furniture, &c.	815,000
For the Secretary's Office	315,544
For Extraordinary Repairs, Building, &c.	1,150,000
For Extraordinary Secret Service	500,000
Sum Total	3,536,544

In the same Sitting the total amount of the public expenditure of the Republic, for the 7th year, was, on the motion of Villers, fixed at 60,000,000 Livres Tournois.

SITTING OF AUG. 28.

After a long and animated debate on the duty on Salt proposed by the commission of Finances, it was rejected by the Council.

COUNCIL OF ELDERS.

SITTING OF AUG. 25.

On the motion of Rossee, the resolution of the 14th Thermidor (1st August) which erects a new department under the name of the Leman department, of which Geneva is to be the chief place, was adopted by the Council.

DIED.

On Wednesday morning last, of an apoplectic fit, at his seat, Charlton House, Kent, in the seventy-third year of his age, Sir Thomas Spencer Wilson, Baronet, a General of his Majesty's forces, and Colonel of the 50th regiment of foot, leaving Dame Jean Wilson, his widow, and four children, viz. a son, now Sir Thomas Murray Wilson, Baronet, and three daughters; the eldest married to Lord Arden, the second to the Hon. Spencer Percival, and the third to John Trevallyn, Esq. the eldest son of Sir John Trevallyn, Bart.

BIRTH.

Friday, at Holy Grove, in Windsor Forest, the seat of Miss Jennings, the Lady of George Henry Ross, Esq. Member for Southampton, of a daughter.

CORN EXCHANGE, SEP. 3.

s. d.	s. d.
English Wheat	35 46 0
Effex.	53 36 0
Barley,	26 29 0
Fine	30 32 0
Fine Flour	40 43 0
Malt	37 39 0
Fine	41 43 0
New Oats	21 23 0
Mealing	24 27 0

STOCKS.

No business done this day.

AT LEITH—FOR LONDON,
The Union Shipping Company's Armed Smack,
BERWICKSHIRE PACKET,

JAMES CUMMINS Master,

A ND

GLASGOW PACKET,

JAMES TAYLOR Master,

Will take in Goods, the Berwickshire till Saturday evening and

DUBLIN, September 1.

"I have a letter before me from Strangeford, of the 28th instant, giving an account of the Isabell, from this port for Greenock, with a valuable cargo of linen, &c. having, on the 24th ultimo, been driven on the rock to the north of the South Rock, on which a light-house was lately erected, and his having saved the whole of the cargo, except a very small part, and of his having also got the vessel into a place of safety."

General LAKE, with nearly two thousand men, has taken post in Tuam, and aided by General DUFF from Limerick, covers Galway from any attempt of the enemy, while General TAYLOR, at Boyle, is so situated to advance and cut off the retreat of the enemy, or surround them as may be deemed necessary.

The enemy's forces are commanded by a French General named TOUSAN, whose second in command is said to be an Irish priest, named KANE, a native of the county of Mayo; the third in command was killed in the disembarkation, by Sir THOMAS CHAPMAN, and the carabiniers. General KILMAINE is not with this army.

The check received by General LAKE is attributed to a stratagem; a few of the peasantry had from fear or choice joined the enemy's forces; their cloths were made use of to disguise the advance-guard of the French, who thus surprised the Generals out-posts, having been conducted by those who joined them through an unfrequented path over the mountains of Balinagee to the west of Lough Conn, while the pass at Foxford, to the eastward, was occupied by Sir THOMAS CHAPMAN after his retreat from Ballina.

Notwithstanding the unprepared state of Gen. LAKE's forces, and his inferiority in number, the event would not have been so unlucky had it not been for the superior force of artillery with which the French were provided; they had 16 field pieces, our troops but six.—The Kilkenny regiment behaved with great gallantry, and lost a most valuable officer in Major ALCOCK, who was killed on the first assault.

The recent skirmish with the small force under General LAKE, and his being obliged to retire, were owing to a feint made by the enemy of retreating, and fixing a masked battery, which was opened upon two of the regiments that fell into the ambuscade, and threw them into confusion—General LAKE, however, brought off his forces, suffering but little loss.

They add, that the French so despaired of success, that it was in their serious consideration to send to Lord CORNWALLIS offers of capitulation.

The greatest industry has been employed by the outstanding traitors to raise the peasantry of Longford, Meath and Westmeath; happily for themselves without any effect. It is now obvious that nothing but utter destruction can attend an insurrection in opposition to the great military power of the state, and the determined loyalty of all honest and rational Irishmen.

Nothing can equal the complete tranquillity which reigns throughout the whole country, excepting only that spot occupied by the French army.

Monday and Tuesday, the 2d and 29th regiments of infantry, field equipage, artillery, &c. marched through Killiney from the county of Wexford, on their way to the county of Mayo. The Guards and the 10th regiment, have marched from Wexford for the same quarter by the route of Clonmel.

Thursday a detachment of the 5th dragoons arrived in town from Leixmouth camp.

The news of this day is as good as we could wish to expect. Lord CORNWALLIS yesterday left Ballina more at five o'clock with 7000 choice troops, and expected to arrive at Tuam in a few hours, where General LAKE is with 3000 men; General TAYLOR is at Boyle with 3000 men also. The French have not yet advanced from Castlebar, except in foraging parties.—It is thought they will surrender and not risk an action, as they have been joined only by a wretched rabble, and that not to any extent. If they resist, the engagement may be expected on to-morrow or Monday. Of the event being favourable there is no doubt. Lord CORNWALLIS has been received with acclamations and joy wherever he has advanced. We are all quiet here, though very vigilant in watching and guarding against any attempt which the discontented might make.

A Sigo paper of the 31st of August, says, "That Lord CORNWALLIS had arrived at Athlone on Wednesday night, that his force, when concentrated, will amount to 22,000 effective men. Our regular army have proved loyal to man. Our yeomanry have flocked up, and absolutely sworn to the motto, death or glory."

"In the late engagement at Castlebar with General HUTCHINSON, they forced our deluded countrymen in front of the battle, and obliged them to sustain the attack of the King's troops. A dreadful carnage amongst the rebels was the consequence, whilst they sheltered by the body in front, did not lose above 100 men. This, however, has awakened the peasantry, and they are now defecting in numbers. On the 26th, they attacked the town of Ballina, but were repulsed by Major KEIR, at the head of a detachment of carabiniers, but the place not being found tenable, the carabiniers, with the Major, retired unmolested to Castlebar. The French and rebel army, in consequence, took possession of Ballina also. These sudden, and easily to be obtained successes, enabled these new comers, (among whom there were some who spoke English well) to avail themselves of the dispositions and credulity of the natives, and with an increased army they pushed on, on Monday, for Castlebar, which they at length carried against the small force which had been placed there to defend it, leaving upwards of 600 of those wretched natives, those rebels to their King and country, dead upon the spot."

HOUSE OF LORDS, August 31.

Earl of FARNHAM rode, and having the Dublin Evening Post in his hand, observed upon a paragraph inserted in that paper, as an extract of a letter, which degraded the military character of the Frazer sencibles, in a late skirmish with the French near Castlebar—an accusation his Lordship stated, as not only a gross falsehood, but for which there was not the smallest founda-

tion, as he had authority to assure their Lordships, that no men could behave with more bravery and spirit, than this body of his Majesty's army had done upon this occasion.—His Lordship strongly reprobated this newspaper mode of vilifying his Majesty's forces, and which merited severe punishment.

LORD CHANCELLOR was pleased to coincide with Lord Farnham, and assured their Lordships that the Frazer sencibles had acted the very reverse of what was stated in that mischievous paragraph, and in a manner highly honourable to their military character.

The noble Earl spoke in applauding terms of the few of the Royal Irish Artillery engaged in that attack, who for the short time the skirmish lasted, behaved with such skill and valour, that they killed upwards of 70 of the French, as was acknowledged by one of the officers of the latter who was taken prisoner.

SLIGO, August 29.

"The three frigates which landed about 1700 men at Killala, sailed on Friday morning, leaving those they disembarked to their fate. Numbers of the rebels have joined them. They took Killala, Balina, and on the 27th Castlebar (with six pieces of canon) which they have since been obliged to evacuate; our troops killed 600 French and rebels. Yesterday, a 64 gun ship and three frigates, with a cutter, arrived here. All our troops are marching back here, and every man in this part of the country is quiet."

Copy of a deposition emitted on Monday before one of the Magistrates of Greenock.

"JOHN JAMIESON, master of the brigantine Margaret of Greenock, being solemnly sworn and examined, deposes, That, on the 15th, of August last, he arrived at Sligo, in Ireland, and discharged his cargo, and sailed from thence on the 21st; that on the 22d he fell in with three French ships. The Commodore's boat came on board and carried him and his crew, save one man, on board the Commodore; that same night they landed the troops, which, he thinks, might amount to 1800; that immediately after the troops were landed, they carried his vessel alongside of the Commodore, and put a great quantity of arms, powder, and clothing on board of her, brought her to anchor, and next morning, carried her alongside of another of the frigates and filled her full of arms and stores, and sent her into Killala, where they landed the whole, and left the deponent and his crew on board his own vessel, and a number of soldiers to protect her; that the frigates continued at anchor two nights, but were in sight on Friday morning the 24th; that, on the 25th, he was on shore, and saw a number of the Irish join the French, who furnished them with arms and clothing, and he was informed by the people in Killala, that great numbers were joining; that on the 28th, a 64 gun ship, three frigates and a cutter, appeared off the bay; that, on Wednesday the 29th, one of the frigates came to anchor without the bar, in the dusk of the evening, and sent in four boats, armed; and, upon their coming near the deponent's vessel, the guards fired several rounds, but were soon overpowered, three of them killed and five taken. The deponent's vessel, and another vessel, called the Maxwell of Campbeltown, loaded with meal and oats, were set on fire. The boats returned on board the frigate, where the deponent and his crew staid till Tuesday the 30th, when the frigate brought to a small boat, and put the deponent and crew on board for Sligo, where they arrived same evening, and sailed on Saturday in the sloop James of Greenock, and arrived with her this morning at two o'clock; that the deponent was sent for, on Friday night, by a general officer, and examined; that the officer said to the deponent, that the matter would soon be over; that he did not hear that any of the people in Sligo were joining the French.

Extract of a letter from a Gentleman in the county Donegal, dated August 30. 1793.

"The troops, consisting of yeomanry and regulars, around here, have marched for Sligo on their route to Ballina. There has been great firing at sea, both at Killybegs and Teelin Head, on Wednesday, supposed to be English and French squadrons. The French frigates lay off Castlebar, on the Tyrragh coast, for two days before they disembarked at Killala. My brother, perceiving them to be stationed and at anchor, took them to be English, and sent a boat and five men to know if they required any fresh provisions, which he supposed they must stand in need of; but neither boat nor men returned since, which caused the first alarm. The yeomanry, and a small party of 25 sencibles, at and near Killala, attempted to prevent their landing, in doing which some of the yeomanry fell, among whom was ANDREW KIRKWOOD of Kirkcummis, Esq. I think I will have some certain account on Saturday, which shall be forwarded to you by all possible dispatch."

NATURAL HISTORY.—While travelling in the interior of Africa, Mr Parke had frequent opportunities of observing the conduct of that remarkable bird, called the Honey-Guide, mentioned by Dr Sparman, and other naturalists who have travelled into Africa. It is a curious species of the Wokow, and derives its name from its singular quality of discovering wild honey to travellers. Honey is the favourite food of this bird: and morning and evening being the time of feeding, it is then heard calling in a shrill tone *cher, cher*, which the honey-hunters carefully attend to as the summons to the chase. At last the bird is observed to hover for a few minutes over a certain spot, and then silently retiring to a neighbouring bush, or other resting place, the hunters are sure of finding the bees' nest in that identical spot, whether it be in a tree, or in the crevices of rock. The bee-hunters never fail to leave a small portion for their conductor, but commonly take care not to leave so much as would satisfy its hunger. The bird's appetite being only whetted by this parsimony, it is obliged to commit a second treason, by discovering another bees' nest, in hopes of a better salary.—It is further observed, that the nearer the bird approaches to the hidden hive, the more frequently it repeats its call, and seems the more impatient.

MONDAY SE'ENIGHT, at night, a man of the name of Smith, returning home from his club in Birmingham, was followed by a recruit, who stopped him near Hockley-Poole, and demanded his money; Smith refusing to comply with the demand, a scuffle ensued, and the recruit drew a knife, with which he cut and maimed the poor fellow in a dreadful manner, and after riving his pockets left him for dead. He is now in the hospital, and, we are happy to say, is in a fair way of recovering from his wounds. The inhuman miscreant is apprehended, and lodged in Birmingham dungeon, until Smith is able to appear against him.

The crews of the Russian men of war, lying in Yarmouth Roads, are very sickly; about two hundred of them have been brought on shore to the hospitals.

Appointed to be taken by the Swiss now resident in Russia.

I, A. B. do declare by the present oath, before the Almighty God, and upon his holy Gospel, that I have never deserved, in will or in deed, to the wicked and Revolutionary principles which prevail in France, and which at present are propagated through other countries, particularly through Switzerland; and I hold the Government there established to be illegal; that I am convinced in my conscience of the sanctity of the Christian Religion as professed by my ancestors, and of the duty I am bounden under to be faithful and obedient to the ancient form of Government.

I accordingly do promise and bind myself, under the gracious protection of his Majesty the Emperor, &c. of all the Russians to comfort myself in his dominions, agreeably to the principles of the Christian Religion, in which I was born; to pay the most punctual and rigorous obedience to the laws and administrations established by his Majesty; and, in short, to break off all correspondence with them, until, after the re-establishment of legal order in Switzerland, I shall have obtained that permission from his Majesty.

In case of prevarication, I resign myself to all the rigour of the laws of this subversive life, as also to God's last judgement; and, as a consummation and seal of the present oath, I kiss the words and cross of our Saviour Jesus Christ. *so as it.*

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

FROM THE NEW YORK DAILY ADVERTISER, JULY 24.

The following is given as an authentic statement of an unhappy deed perpetrated between three and four in the morning of Friday, near the Exchange:

Madame Gardie, late of the Theatre, was in bed with her son about eleven years of age. Mr Gardie, who had cohabited with her a number of years, and who lodged in the same room, got up, ordered the boy to rise, and got into her bed. The boy hearing his mother cry out, asked what was the matter? Mr Gardie desired him to be still, his mother had only fainted.

Soon after hearing a knocking against the partition, he got up and went to the bed, where he found Mr Gardie in the agonies of death, and his mother dying dead on the bed.

It appears he stabbed her with a new carving knife in the left breast, which penetrated impudently to the heart as appears to have expired instantly.

Gardie, in the height of his frenzy, appeared to have wounded himself in the breast in two places, with his own hand, and must have died in great agony, as he had fallen from the bed on the floor, and was covered with blood. The Coroner's Inquest brought in a verdict, that he was the cause of her death, and afterwards committed suicide.

The cause of this dreadful catastrophe is attributed to extreme penury, and her refusing to accompany him to France, whether he was going shortly, having taken his passage. This refusal created jealousy, though there are no grounds for the suspicion.

The body of Gardie was immediately interred in Potter's-fields, and the remains of the unhappy female were respectfully interred on Saturday in the Catholic burial-ground.

PEAT FUEL.

We have been favoured with the following valuable communication, which we have no doubt will be very acceptable to our readers, and highly beneficial to many parts of the country.

COPY OF A LETTER FROM PATRICK MILLER, ESQ. OF DALSWINTON, TO THE PRINTER OF THE DUMFRIES JOURNAL.

EDINBURGH, SEPTEMBER 1. 1793.

SIR.

I wish to make known to the Public, through the channel of your paper, the result of sundry experiments which I made this summer, with a view to reduce the price of fuel to labouring men and their families.

Residing in the country, I had occasion to observe that this very useful class of men laboured under great difficulty last winter from a scarcity of peat, which they had in a great measure lost after much labour, had been bestowed to make them, owing to the very wet summer of last year.

The situation of other places in Scotland, where the inhabitants depend on peat for fuel, must have been the same, or nearly so, with ours in Dumfries-shire. These considerations led me to reflect on the subject, and to make a variety of experiments with the view before mentioned, which have satisfied me that sundry compositions, (the materials of which will cost only the carriage, and the easy labour of mixing them together,) may be used to reduce the present expenditure of fuel one half, whether it be coal, wood, or peat.

Those others may learn how to make this composition, or DALSWINTON PEAT, I shall here describe the method which I have used in mixing the materials, and in forming the peat, and likewise the exact quantities of the materials put into each batch.

The materials are, 1/4 Coal culm from the coal hill, or the coal dust of the Sanquhar coal, passed through a corn sieve; 2d. Wet moss, or old peat dust; 3d. Clay; and 4th. Saw dust. To prepare the clay, it must be broken and bruised down with a spade, and thus left exposed to the sun to dry. If it is spread thin, it may soon be reduced to powder by means of a rake, and it is then in a state fit to be used. I prefer pure clay, free of all extraneous matter. The materials, when measured out agreeable to the proportions intended, are laid on above another as measured, and then very carefully mixed with a spade. This operation of mixing should be repeated twice or thrice.

A small well is then made in the centre of the heap, and water poured in gradually, which is mixed up with the spade to such a consistency as fits it for the mould. This differs somewhat according to the materials used, but a little practice will point out the proper consistency.

After this operation, the whole mass should be wrought and mixed by the hand, so as to incorporate completely all the parts. Moulds may be made of such dimensions as will suit the fire-place or grate where the peat is to be burned.

The dimensions of the mould which I have used is 13 inches long, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ broad, and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ deep. It is of wood, open above and below.

The peatmaker begins by filling a wheel-barrow from the batch of materials, which he conveys to the place where he means to begin the first row of peats, and he then fills the mould with the hand from the barrow, taking care to fill it evenly, and with a moderate degree of pressure, about half an inch above the rim of the mould. A board, with a wooden handle on the back, that will enter easily within the mould, is then pressed down upon its contents. This is to make the peat of an equal consistency, which is of consequence to ensure its durability in burning. After this pressure has been given, such of the materials as remain above the surface of the mould are to be taken off by sliding the edge of the board along it, as is practised in measuring corn, and then the peat is smoothed by drawing the face of

the board once or twice over it. This not only makes the peat look better, but in some degree helps to cement all the parts together; provided it is got under cover before rain falls; and indeed should heavy rains fall before hoisting, the peat will be less injured thereby than if the surface had been left in a rough state. Before filling the mould, the workman should dip it in water in a small tub, kept at his hand for the purpose, in order to facilitate the separation of the compost, from the mould, and sometimes at raising the end of the moulds, (which should be done slowly and cautiously, to keep the peat from breaking;) he should give it two or three gentle strokes with the edge of his board to effect the separation.

The peats are laid in rows, and the thickness of the wood of the mould leaves a sufficient space between them. If the weather continues dry, with sun-shine, they should be turned in ten or twelve hours after being made. This should be repeated every six or eight hours in dry weather; and should the weather continue warm and dry, with sun-shine for four days after making, they may be then housed for use. Children, nine or ten years old, can perform the business of turning. I have been thus particular as I am anxious that every man, even the most ignorant, may be enabled to supply himself with an article necessary, and which will render his situation, and that of his family, more comfortable.

The different materials from which I made the Dalswinton composition peat in the open air, I shall now arrange according to the dates at which they were mixed. It is to be observed that I used the Dumfries-shire peat measure, which was always filled to the rim.

1st Batch, June 21.	2d Batch, July 22.	3d Batch, June 23.
1 Peck coal.	8 Pecks coal.	10 Pecks coal.
2 Pecks of coal.	6 Pecks clay.	7 Pecks clay.
1 d. clay.	9 d. wet moss.	10 Old peat dust ridded.
3 d. wet moss.		

4th Batch, July 23.

1 of wet moss.	1 wet moss.
1 wet moss.	2 clay.
2 wet moss.	3 wet moss.
2 wet moss.	4 clay.
3 wet moss.	5 clay.

5th Batch, July 24.

1 of wet moss.	1 wet moss.

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